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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PRC: INTERNAL DEBATE, UNRUFFLED FACADE

CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG SAYS A NUMBER OF FACTORS SUG-
GEST THE POLITICAL DEBATE CURRENTLY RAGING IN PEKING IS
BEING CONDUCTED WITHIN A RATHER CAREFULLY DEFINED FRAME-
WORK.

--POSTER ATTACKS ON TENG HSIAO-PING HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY
ORCHESTRATED.

--UNLIKE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, THIS CAMPAIGN HAS SO
FAR NOT INVOLVED THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY.

--A PRC-ALIGNED EDITOR IN HONG KONG STRESSES THAT, EVEN
THOUGH HUA'S ACCESSION IS A BLOW TO THE MODERATES,
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NIXON'S PRC TRIP IS STILL ON.

CONSULATE GENERAL COMMENT: CONSIDERING THE STRENGTH OF THE PRAGMATISTS, WE FEEL THE STRUGGLE WILL BE LONG BUT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ALLOWED TO DAMAGE SERIOUSLY THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FABRIC OF THE COUNTRY. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 1822 AND 1818, 2/19.)

2. CONCEDING UNESCO TO THE SOVIETS

EMBASSY PARIS SAYS WHAT IS SEEN AS A "PUNISH UNESCO" ATTITUDE IN THE USG GIVES THE USSR A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO STEER THE ORGANIZATION TOWARD SOVIET ENDS. THE EMBASSY THINKS THE SOVIETS WILL USE UNESCO TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CONCERN FOR THE THIRD WORLD--ESPECIALLY AFRICA--AND URGES THAT THE DIRECTIONS THE BODY IS TAKING BE VIEWED IN THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF SOVIET AMBITIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 5051, 2/19.) INGERSOLL

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